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In re Patent Application of:
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For: RUBBER/SHORT FIBER MASTER BATCH
AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF
AND PNEUMATIC TIRES USING SUCH
MASTER BATCH

Examiner: A. C. Johnstone

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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Citation CA was first cited in an Office Action issued in Chinese application No. 2005-800036981, a counterpart foreign application, not more than three months prior to the filing of

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